

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is filed after submission of an Appeal Brief by Applicant on May 24, 2005. This Supplemental Amendment is in response to a telephone interview with the Examiner. Applicant notes here with appreciation the courtesies extended by the Examiner to Applicant's counsel. Applicant also appreciates the Examiner's continued thorough examination of the application.

In light of the interview, Applicant has canceled Claims 1, 2, 22, 43, 64, and 65 and amended Claims 3-9, 18-20, 23, 26-30, 39-41, 44, 45, 48-52, 60-62, 66-70, and 72-74. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 3-21, 23-42, 43-64, and 66-75, as amended, are patentable over the cited references and requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the following remarks.

During the telephone interview, the Examiner indicated that Claims 6, 27, 48, and 67 and Claims 7, 28, 49, and 68 include patentable subject matter and would likely be allowed if rewritten in independent form. In this regard, Applicant has rewritten each of these claims in independent form. Further, Applicant revised several of the dependent claims so as properly depend from the allowable independent claims. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 3-21, 23-42, 43-64, and 66-75 are patentable and requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued as to these claims.

Applicant notes that this amendment is being filed after final rejection and in the Appeal process. To expedite entrance of these amendments, Applicant hereby authorizes the Examiner to either enter this Amendment or to effect the amendments in an Examiner's Amendment. Further, if the Examiner notes any minor errors with the amendments, Applicant authorizes the Examiner to correct such errors or to contact Applicant's counsel to discuss these issues.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

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therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



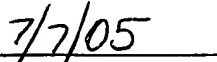
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